

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 504
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A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article III, Section 17, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, to provide for the popular election of the secretary of state.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed:

That Article III, Section 17 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following words and punctuation:

A secretary of state shall be appointed by joint vote of the General Assembly and commissioned during the term of four years;
and by substituting instead the following:

A secretary of state shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state and shall hold office for a term of four years and until a successor is elected and qualified; the Secretary of State shall be at least thirty years of age, shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall have been a citizen of this state at least five years prior to election;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon ratification of the amendment proposed herein at the November 2010 general election, a popular election for secretary of state shall be held at the November 2012 general election and every four (4) years thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the term of office of the secretary of state shall begin on the second Tuesday in January immediately following the November 2012 general election and every four (4) years thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon ratification of the amendment proposed herein at the November 2010 general election, the general assembly shall retain power to fill, until the November 2012 general election, any vacancy arising in the office of secretary of state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the clerk of the senate is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the secretary of state.